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To: Dr. Chapman and Board of Education
From: Linda Chizmar
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Re: Good News!

Three dedicated professionals from Unit 5 received accolades recently at the State level. **Julie Anderson**, Brigham reading specialist, **Terri Daugherty**, Title Parent Coordinator, and **Colleen O'Dea**, Brigham bilingual teacher were privileged to be invited to present a workshop at the "No Child Left Behind" Conference in Chicago. Their session detailed how they combine their strengths in working with linguistically diverse students in the area of literacy to create a strong program of support at Brigham Elementary School. Families benefit not only from the high quality instructional program provided, but from the many after-school activities and events held. Their goal is to strengthen the home-school connection to provide educational excellence for Brigham's bilingual students. They work tirelessly toward this end.

Their presentation was a highlighted session, and as a result, many districts throughout Illinois are scheduling visits to Brigham to learn from these educational leaders. Julie, Terri and Colleen continue to bring attention to Unit 5 as a district where excellence is expected.

Please join me in offering congratulations on their success and hard work. These educators deserve special recognition for their educational innovation and dedication to at-risk students.